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Trust Account Procedures Outlined

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The procedures on how to access established trust accounts for minors, legally incompetent, incarcerated, and deceased members of

the Tribe are as follows:

Minor's – Each minor will receive their own disbursement directly from the BIA after they have returned the proper disbursement documents. In the meantime, they will each receive monthly

statements.

Legally Incompetent – Court appointed guardians must contact the Midwest Regional Office of the

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Twenty-five vie for three legislative seats

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Twenty-five candidates have filed nomination papers for three seats on the Menominee Tribal Legislature.

All three incumbents whose terms expire in February 2001 plan to run for re-election. They include: Barbara Frechette-Kelley, Lisa S. Waukau, and James C. Waukau.

The other twenty-two candidates who have met the October 9th deadline for filing nomination papers include: Faye (Waukau) Annamitta, James 'Bubzy' Boivin, Louis J. Dixon, Kenneth A. Fish, Albert J. Fowler, Wanda Guzman, Adrian 'Dusty' Miller, Chris 'Porch' Peters, Lorene A. Pocan, Myron L. Pyawasit, Rudolph 'Rudy' Reiter, Sarah Skubitz, Marilyn R. Warrington, Myrna 'Tudy' Warrington, Royal E. Warrington, Theodore 'Tony' Warrington, Orman 'Chief' Waukau, Rogerine Wychesit, and Bruce A. Wilber Sr. Non-resident candidates include: Anthony Awonohopay, Jill Burr-Gonzalez, and Myrna Zhuckahosee-Jackson.

The Primary election will be held on November 8th at the Neopit Fire station and at the Tribal Offices.

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Neopit Community Center near completion



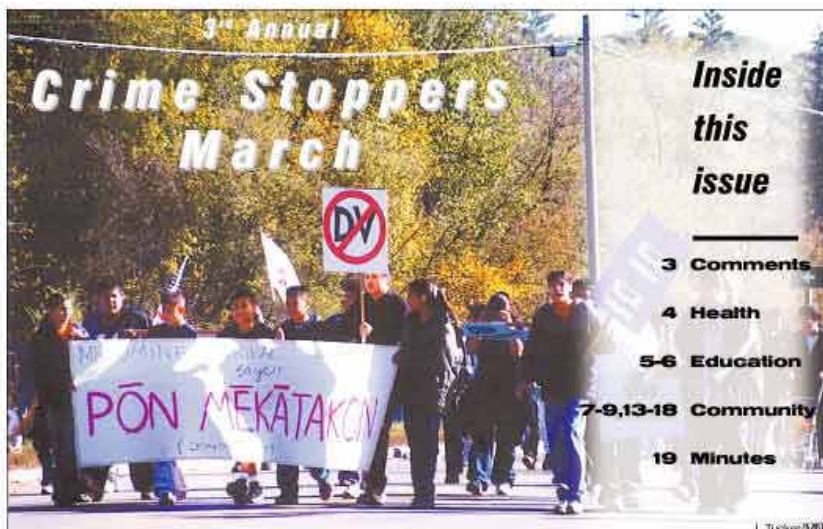
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Menominee Community Center of Neopit—will soon open. A grand opening is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, from 3-5 P.M.

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BIA, submit copies of the court orders appointing them guardian in order to receive distributions from the owner's accounts.

Incarcerated - These individuals, upon completion and submission of their proper documentation to the Midwest Regional office, may have their funds distributed directly to them.

Deceased - Family member or heir must contact Shirley Van Alstine, of the Midwest Regional Office of the BIA, submit a death certificate, and the deceased's estate (trust funds) will be probated upon determination of all of the heirs.

Whereabouts unknown - This last category of trust funds will be handled as appropriate with the identification of the individuals' current status, living or dead.

It has been determined that these trust accounts may be accessed in accordance with a BIA approved plan if the minors or legally incompetent have health, education, welfare or emergency need. The Tribal Legislature must recommend a plan to the BIA for consideration. According to Menominee Tribal Administrator, Betty Jo Wozniak, 5,700 Judgement checks were mailed last week. In addition, 2,163 minor trust funds were set up.

"The good news is that all trust accounts are interest bearing accounts," said Wozniak. She also indicated that statements on all trust accounts, will be mailed to the parent or guardian on a monthly basis. For additional information, you may contact Miss Van Alstine at 1-612-713-4400, ext. 1163.

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in Keshena on November 9th, 2000. The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. both days according to Davey Jean Peters, Director of the Election Commission. The final election will be held on Wednesday, January 10th in Neopit and Thursday, January 11th in Keshena.

Menominee Tribal and County residents will be going to the polls on Tuesday, November 7th to cast their votes in statewide elections. Menominee County Sheriff Bryan 'sid' Lepscier will be challenged by write-in candidate Elizabeth 'Beth' Moses. Moses was elected to the top law enforcement position four years ago (Nov. '96). Lepscier ran as a write-in candidate in 1998 narrowly defeating Moses 617-570.

Last month, Lepscier defeated Moses 581 to 359 in the September 12th State Primary election. Tina Gouty-Yellow, former Assistant Prosecutor for the Menominee Tribe, is challenging Gary Robert Bruno for the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney position.

Polls for the State election will be set up at the Firestation in Neopit and the County Courthouse (lower level) from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the final election.